

Congressman Adler supports bill to create jobs and keep communities safe

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"Keeping cops on the street is essential to protecting our communities and families," Congressman Adler said. "Safety has to be our top priority. This bill will help protect our neighborhoods, prevent cutbacks at New Jersey's police stations, and create well-paying public safety jobs."

The COPS Improvement Act reinvigorates the successful COPS program, originally created in 1994. Since the program's creation, New Jersey's 3rd District has received more than \$23 million in grants and funded more than 473 officers. Agencies throughout southern and coastal New Jersey have already applied for more than \$20 million in grant funding this year.

The COPS Improvements Act authorizes funding for 50,000 additional police officers on the street over the next 5 years - providing \$1.25 billion a year for COPS (Community Oriented Policing Services) hiring grants. It also authorizes \$350 million a year for COPS technology grants, and \$200 million a year for hiring community prosecutors. The bill passed today, after votes were delayed late last night.

Washington, DC - Congressman Adler today announced that the Community Oriented Policing Services (COPS) Improvement Act could bring as many as 200 law enforcement officers to New Jersey's 3rd District, and 2,000 to the state. The bill authorizes \$1.25 billion in hiring grants that will create or save local law enforcement jobs and keep families safe.